

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Voker FRAEDRICH)
Application No.: Unassigned) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: July 23, 2003) Examiner: Unassigned
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
THE LOCATION AND)
INDICATION OF CABLE SPLICES)
AND CABLE FAULTS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the date of entry of the national stage in an international application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language document:
The German patent DE 198 24 157 discloses another method for location of cable faults.

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Respectfully submitted,

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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